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Prahl named General Manager at Fox Charlevoix

By Norma Jean Babcock

CHARLEVOIX: Employees of Fox Motors Charlevoix recently welcome a new man to call "boss" as General Manager Jim Jeffreys switched to the Traverse City Dealerships and General Sales Manager David Prahl took over his position here in Charlevoix.

Jeffreys managed the location for more than four years, and oversaw in the recent building of the new showrooms on U.S. 31 which are dedicated to GM, Chrysler, Dodge, and Jeep. Jeffreys managed all three locations during his time there, and worked closely with new General Manager David Prahl. Jeffreys leaves the location with some sadness, as he "loved Charlevoix" and enjoyed his time with the team there immensely.

"I will miss Charlevoix, especially my team at the dealerships. When you work that closely together there is a bond that develops and a certain amount of pain upon separation is natural. I want to thank all those on Team Fox Charlevoix for all the hard work they put in while I



PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE

was there," stated Jeffreys.

Although he will miss the team, Jeffreys feels confident that Prahl will continue the reputation of success that Fox Charlevoix has developed in recent years.

"David and I have known each other for decades; he knows the Fox culture well and has made Charlevoix his home. I am very confident he will lead the dealerships to new heights as they move forward," expressed Jeffreys.

Prahl, who has near 30 years experience in the automotive industry, was excited to take on the challenge of General Manager after Jeffreys departure on January 1. In essence, the two men are swapping as Prahl spent a

large chunk of his life in the Traverse City area, where Jeffreys now works. Prahl is a Charlevoix resident, although much of his family resides in Kingsley.

Prahl has been working at Fox Charlevoix for four years, and has been the General Sales Manager during that time. In order to take on his new position however, Prahl is in an intensive training course held in three different locations by Fox. The training, called General Management Mentorship requires three 2-day trips where new General Managers will be taught team-building, advertising, and other skills essential to making their manage-

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RIGHT: Jim Jeffreys (left) recently handed over the keys to David Prahl as the new General Manager of Fox Charlevoix. The group of dealerships include the Ford, GM and Chrysler dealerships in Charlevoix. PHOTO BY M. CHRIS LEESE



East Jordan Team Ranked NUMBER 1 in Class C Boys Basketball

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Winter Beauty



Frigid 14 degree temperatures, combined with 20 mile-per-hour winds from the west/northwest, make the windchill factor a minus six degrees, and crash waves along the Lake Michigan Beach coastline at the Charlevoix lighthouse Saturday, as the week-long storm persists. PHOTO BY ALAN LEESE

Boyne City Commission to discuss proposed new city facilities at January 27th meeting

By Jim Akans

The Boyne City Commission held a work session prior to Tuesday night's regular meeting to explore a design proposal for building new DPW and city facilities. At the close of the regular meeting the Commissioners unanimously voted to add a discussion of financing the facilities to the agenda for the next regular meeting to be held on January 27th at 7 pm.

At the opening of the meeting Commissioners unanimously approved the recommendations from

See BC MEET—6A



Boyne City Police Chief Jeff Gaither (at left) announced the promotion of Officer Kevin Spate (at right), who has served on the force for 15 years, to Assistant Police Chief effective December 31, 2014. PHOTO BY JIM AKANS

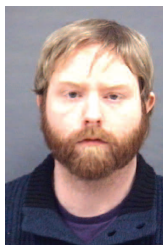
Grose sentenced in domestic violence case

Christopher Jordan Grose, 26, of Boyne City, was sentenced to immediately serve 60 days in jail with credit for four days previously served and 301 days held in abeyance on a charge of domestic violence, second offense.

Grose pled guilty on December 9. He was also sentenced to two years of probation. He was originally charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct, Third Degree, for a sexual assault upon a former girlfriend on March 29, 2014.

"The victim was very courageous to come forward to ensure accountability for the defendant," Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Allen Telgenhof said. "Deputy George Robert Lasater did an excellent job on a very difficult type of case."

The crime was reported on August 10, 2014 and Grose was arrested shortly thereafter. Domestic violence, second offense is a misdemeanor that carries a maximum penalty of one year in jail.



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HIGH: Low 30's
LOW: Mid 10's

snowfall records

2012-13	Amt	2013-14	Amt	2014-15	Amt
1/14/2013	25.5	1/13/2014	79.5	1/12/2015	67.5
1/14/2013	18.3	1/13/2014	54.1	1/12/2015	37.8
1/14/2013	21	1/13/2014	58.5	1/12/2015	49.5
1/14/2013	23	1/13/2014	67	1/12/2015	78.4
1/14/2013	41.2	1/13/2014	103.4	1/12/2015	95.4
1/14/2013	16.4	1/13/2014	31.2	1/12/2015	18.3
1/14/2013	28.5	1/13/2014	63.6	1/12/2015	406.6
1/14/2013	40	1/13/2014	90.7	1/12/2015	74.3

record temps

DAY	AVG	LOW	AVG	HIGH	RECORD LOW	RECORD HIGH
JAN 17	12°	28°	23°	(1978)	48°	(1986)
JAN 18	12°	28°	23°	(1978)	55°	(1996)
JAN 19	12°	28°	21°	(1982)	53°	(1996)
JAN 20	11°	28°	9°	(1984)	45°	(1999)
JAN 21	11°	28°	28°	(1970)	43°	(1957)
JAN 22	11°	28°	17°	(2005)	51°	(2002)
JAN 23	11°	29°	20°	(2005)	50°	(1969)
JAN 24	11°	29°	17°	(2004)	48°	(1969)

OBITUARIES

William John Anzell, 61

(JUNE 6, 1953 - JAN. 12, 2015)

William John Anzell of Boyne City passed away on Monday, January 12, 2015 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

Bill was born on May 6, 1953 in Petoskey, MI the son of Robert and Helen (Stanik) Anzell. He grew up in the Boyne City area before going out west where he enjoyed working for many years. Most recently Bill took great pride in working for Beds By Design in Harbor Springs. Bill was a hard worker and a sports enthusiast.

Bill is survived by his mother Helen Anzell; sister Sheryl (Michael) Baldwin; brothers Pat (Beth) Anzell and Mike Anzell; four nieces and two nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father Robert J.; infant daughter Sabrina; sister Anne Robbins; and brother Robert J. Anzell.

In keeping with Bill's wishes cremation has taken place a gathering of family and friends will take place at a later date.

Memorial donations in Bill's name may be directed to Karmanos Cancer Center, 4100 John R. Street, Detroit, MI 48201.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

James E. Persons, Jr., 61

(OCT. 3, 1953 - JAN. 6, 2015)

James E. Persons died Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at his home in Jordan Township, Antrim County, Michigan.

He was born on October 3, 1953, in Flint, the son of James E., Sr. and Eleanor A. (Weisler) Persons. He grew up in Flint and East Jordan. He married Sherri Misner on September 16, 1989, in Central Lake. James retired in February of 2014, after 36 years, from EJ Company in East Jordan.

He enjoyed bowling and spending time with his family and friends.

He is married to Sherri Persons of East Jordan; six children, Amy (Michael) Langlois of Harbor Springs, James E. Persons, III of East Jordan, Korky (Samantha) Persons of Boyne City, Ben Misner of East Jordan,

Andrew Misner of East Jordan and Skylar Persons of East Jordan; six grandchildren; one sister, Gail (Clayton) Denny of Ellsworth; four brothers, Ronald Persons of East Jordan, Steven (Carol) Persons of Boyne City, William Persons of Muskegon and Thomas (Joyce) Persons of Central Lake; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial luncheon was held on Saturday, January 10, 2015, at the Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Road, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Lighthouse Missionary Church or the Persons Family.

Arrangements were handled by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

George Erskine, 88

(SEPT. 3, 1926 - JAN. 6, 2015)

George Colin Erskine of Petoskey, and formerly of Ellsworth and Detroit, died Jan. 6, 2015, in Petoskey.

George was born on Sept. 3, 1926, in Detroit, the son of George Ralph and Isabel M. (MacDonald) Erskine, and was raised in Detroit.

On Sept. 10, 1949, George married the former Jane Toth in Detroit and the two spent the next 60 years together, traveling extensively in their RV for more than 25 years. Jane preceded George in death on Sept. 16, 2009.

George worked for the Sperry Univac Company in Detroit on its early mainframe computers. He then worked in sales department, product solutions and in consulting. He later started consulting for robotics and wrote the tech manuals for the robotics.

George had the mind of a true engineer and believed in the old school ways to get things done. He always took his time and did his project the right way, whether it was restoring his classic cars or creating one of his

custom pieces of woodworking; the end product always justified the means.

He deeply loved his family and greatly enjoyed their company. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

George is survived by two daughters, Lynn (Eugene) Bryant of Houghton Lake and Gale A. Erskine of Monrovia, Md.; a sister, Nan Davis, of Redford, Mich.; nephew, David (Su) Davis, of Fife Lake, Mich.; and by other nieces and nephews.

No public services will take place at this time.

Those wishing to honor George's memory are asked to make a donation to the Little Traverse Conservancy.

Arrangements are in the care of the Stone Funeral Home of Petoskey.

Veda Irene Massey, 62

(MARCH 7, 1952 - JAN. 11, 2015)

Veda Irene Massey passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2015 at her home in Boyne Falls surrounded by her loving family.

Veda Irene Massey was born on March 7, 1952 to Leo Carl Massey Sr. and BettyLou (Sutliff) of Boyne Falls, Michigan.

Veda is preceded in death by her father, Leo, in 1992 and her mother, BettyLou, in 2012.

Veda is survived by; older brother Leo Carl Massey Jr. and wife Janet (Keltz) of East Jordan, MI; younger sister Kathy Lou (Massey) Gray of Rogers City, MI; younger sister Penney Lynne Massey of Boyne Falls, MI; younger brother Robert Joseph Massey and wife Janice of Bellaire, MI; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews

Veda was a lifetime member of the Boyne Falls United Methodist Church.

Veda was a beloved daughter, sister, and aunt to our whole family. She was also a dedicated teacher and mentor to children

of all ages for the 27 years she taught for the Vanderbilt Public Schools until poor health dictated an early retirement. For a majority of that time she worked with children with special needs from kindergarten through high school. Veda spent many extra hours during her career coaching and mentoring special athletes preparing them for special Olympic competition. Her gracious heart led her to foster parenting, tutoring, and volunteering (through church and her teaching sorority). Her love of reading and teaching led her to volunteering for the school library after retirement.

Although a quiet person Veda was a person of strong convictions and was willing to work and fight for those convictions in many capacities (member of the school board, union officer and negotiator). Veda was a person with a multitude of interests and dreams. She loved learning new skills and enjoyed crafting and needlework projects as well as scrapbooking and compiling family history. Every family member has received something in their lifetime specifically crafted for them from Veda, whether it is needlework ornaments, mittens, hats, scrapbooks, purses, neck scarves, or jewelry. Each and every gift was crafted and given with love.

Another love of Veda's was traveling and she took every possible opportunity to travel and explore throughout the United States, taking her mom on many of those adventures with her.

Veda could find something interesting in even the most mundane of places and never hesitated to share new finds with family and friends. Veda's desire to explore new horizons started early. While finishing her university work and beginning her career, she decided she would like to teach in Alaska and started preparing by taking flying lessons that would allow her to fly into some of the remote areas she had looked into for jobs. That dream never came to fruition, but it did not stop her from touching the lives of many children in a most positive and encouraging way.

Veda leaves behind a strong legacy to those who knew and were cherished by her. She never let fear of the unknown hold her back or defeat her. Her strong faith and indomitable spirit are her legacy.

Visitation will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, January 17, 2014 at the Boyne Falls United Methodist Church with visitation being held from 10:00 AM until the time of service.

The family request memorial donations be directed to Memorials can be sent to the Boyne Falls United Methodist Church or Boyne Valley Pantry PO Box 183,

Boyne Falls, MI 49713.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Robert G. May, 83

Robert G. May of Charlevoix died Sunday, January 11, 2015, at his home. He was born March 11, 1931, in Perryville, Mo., to John and Louise (Cureton) May.



Growing up in Monroe, Mich., he graduated from Monroe High School.

Robert attended Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, and North Central Michigan University in Petoskey earning an Associate's Degree in Applied Science. He worked with the original start-up staff for Consumers Power Company, Big Rock Nuclear Plant in Charlevoix, and retired after twenty-five years.

Bob served as a Corporal in the US Army during the Korean War.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix where he served on the Church Board, and its Building Committee. He was also a member of F&AM Lodge #25 in Monroe.

On May 15, 1952, he married Frances A. Barretta in Angola, Ind. They made their home in Monroe before moving to Charlevoix in 1962. Frances preceded him in death on December 28, 2014.

He is survived by his children, Marian (Craig) Fox of Cocoa, Fla., Marilyn (Bill) Cousineau of Boyne Falls, Robin Anderson of Melbourne, Fla., Timothy (Cassandra) May of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Michelle, William, Sara, Robert, Madalyne, Meredith, Mitchell, John, Robbi; great-grandchildren, Forrest, Hunter, C.J., Vincent, Ashleigh, Keith.

Visitation will begin at 1 pm, Thursday, January 15, at the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix, where a memorial service will follow at 2 pm. The Reverend David Behling will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Charlevoix.

Please sign Robert's guestbook at www.winchesterfuneral-home.com

Josephine Nedwick, 96

Josephine Nedwick of Charlevoix died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. Arrangements are pending at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor, "WEEPY" BOEHNER GETS ANOTHER SHOT AT DEMOCRAT LITE

When the establishment in Washington totally ignores the voters it's time for a serious look at the whole system. Two months ago the voters rose up en masse and voted overwhelmingly to repudiate the Obama Agenda, yet barely three weeks later, the Republicans voted to fund the whole mess for another year, totally abrogating their responsibility to those who went to the polls.

And again today, the establishment Republicans, best described as "Democrat Lite" put back in office the weakest, least effective, and worst Speaker of The House in my lifetime, the Obama lackey, Weepy John Boehner.

And who voted for this busi-

ness-as-usual RINO (Republican in Name Only speaker? Well, none other than our own RINO, Doc Benishek.

Is it something in the water, or do we grow them stupid up here? We let Bart Stupak get rolled by Obama and as a result the finest healthcare system in the world was dismembered by a community organizer (whatever that is). Remember, Stupak was promised Obamacare would not fund abortion....except that the minute Stupak voted yes, the Obama administration stuck public funded abortion right up Stupak's nose.

And now we have Doc Benishek following in the same path...."screw the voters, I'm siding with the power" says Doctor Dan as he votes for "Weepy."

Well you lost me Doc....seems you're part of the disease not part of the cure.

Doug Myers, Boyne City

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Consumers Energy Offers Energy-Saving Tips as Extreme Cold Temperatures Return to Michigan

With last week's return to extreme cold, Consumers Energy is reminding Michigan residents to take advantage of ways to save energy and lower their winter heating bills.

"The recent extreme temperatures are leading the homes and businesses we serve to use more natural gas than usual," said Tim Sparks, Consumers Energy's vice president for energy supply. "It's important that people know we're meeting their needs to stay warm, and that we are offering tools to keep energy costs low."

Households served by Consumers Energy can expect to see natural gas bills this year that are 20 percent lower than in 2010.

Sparks offered the following six tips to save energy:

1. Turn down the dial — Every degree you dial down your thermostat could save 1 to 3 percent on your heating costs.
2. Let the air flow — Keep furniture, curtains and other items from blocking heat registers.
3. Put simple weatherstripping around external doors — A 1/8-inch crack around the perimeter of a door is equivalent to a softball-sized hole in the middle of the door.
4. Reduce water temperature — Lower your water heating temperature from 140 degrees to 120 degrees.

5. Clean and replace furnace filters — A well-maintained furnace can lead to lower heating bills.
6. Access Consumers Energy's free online Home Energy Analyzer and get more than 100 ways to save on your energy bill at www.ConsumersEnergy.com/energyanswers.

Consumers Energy's natural gas costs are regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, ensuring that prices are reasonable and reflect market conditions. This helps to provide homes and businesses with reliable energy and stable, predictable bills.

"We use a disciplined purchasing strategy and one of the largest underground storage systems in the country to help provide customers with a great energy value for the natural gas they need," Sparks said. "Our underground storage system allows us to buy natural gas during the summer when prices are generally lower and pass along those savings to you."

Consumers Energy also makes payment arrangements for people having issues paying bills, and can enroll people in its CARE program (www.ConsumersEnergy.com/care) to receive bill credits and more. Or call 2-1-1 to learn about assistance options.



Bay Harbor Ice & Spice Festival

By Jessica Boyce

The Bay Harbor Ice and Spice Festival is this weekend, January 16th and 17th. There are many family fun events including the Ice Carving Competition, Chili Cook-Off, and an amazing display of fireworks Saturday night.

The festival is sanctioned by the National Ice Carving Association and is one of the stops for the National Tournament of Champions for Ice Carving. The contest is open to both professional and amateur ice carvers and over \$12,000 of cash prizes will be awarded. Ice carving starts on Friday from 4:00 – 10:00 pm. The carving will resume on Saturday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Awards Cer-

emony will take place on Saturday at 5:30 pm.

The Chili Cook-Off is hosted by the Bay Harbor Foundation on Saturday from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. There will be a professional and an amateur division with prizes for both. There is a \$5 entry fee and all proceeds benefit the Manna Food Project.

A Find Frosty Contest for kids is Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm in the Village at Bay Harbor. For all kids kindergarten – 12th grade with a chance to win Apple products. Macprofessional is the place to pick up an entry form and get all the details. The winners will be announced on Saturday at 5:30 pm with the Ice Carving winners.

Also going on as a part of the festival are Horse and Carriage Rides in the Village Friday evening and Saturday by Abrahams Carriage Service, s'more stations at the Ice and Fire Pits on Saturday, and the Michigan Stiltwalker on Saturday from noon – 6:00 pm. You can also stop in at Knot Just a Bar Friday evening and Saturday for a Patio Party

and at Seventeen Restaurant Friday and Saturday for some entertainment and their "Chill Lounge." Fireworks will be at 6:00 pm on Saturday after the medals and cash awards are given to the ice carvers.

For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit bayharbor.com/events or give them a call at (231) 439-2650.



ABOVE: While the stunning art carvings are reason enough to stop by and enjoy the Bay Harbor Ice and Spice Festival, there is much more to experience at the event this weekend, such as the Pro-Am Chili Challenge held on Saturday afternoon. FILE PHOTO

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Charlevoix Area Hospital Hosts Heart-Healthy Grocery Store Tour

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In recognition of National Heart Month, Charlevoix Area Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation and Nutrition Services departments have teamed up to offer Shop For Your

Heart, an informative grocery store tour to help people make smart, informed food choices when doing their weekly shopping.

Tina Foltz, Charlevoix Area Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation nurse coordinator, said, "This annual event is held at no cost to the public in an effort to make heart healthy shopping easier for the community. The goal of the tour is to provide a fun new perspective for how people approach grocery store shopping, to answer nutritional questions that shoppers may have, and help learn easy ways to plan and make healthy meals at home." The tour includes

brief sessions throughout the store regarding label reading, how to navigate the aisles, and general shopping tips.

Oleson's Food Store is located at 112 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. While there is no cost to attend, space is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information on Shop For Your Heart or to reserve a spot on the tour, call Tina Foltz at the Charlevoix Area Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation Department at 231-547-8525.

For more information about Charlevoix Area Hospital, please visit cah.org.

Drs. Oz and Roizen

Television's Dr. Oz and Cleveland Clinic's Dr. Roizen report on health, wellness and quality of life.



TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR "INNER ZOO"

Bisphenol A -- the banned-from-baby-bottles chemical found in food-can linings, some plastic containers, paper receipts and in the bodies of 95 percent of adults and kids in North America -- is in the news again. This time, just as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration declared that BPA levels in food were safe, an important new study says the chemical can boost blood pressure. That doesn't mean you should panic.

A growing stack of human studies highlights associations between BPA exposure and risk for fertility problems, diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, liver and kidney problems, obesity and inflammation. These studies can't conclude that BPA causes these problems. But one new study from Seoul National University College of Medicine in South Korea draws a more direct connection. When volunteers drank two servings of soy milk from cans lined with a BPA-containing epoxy, their blood pressure increased an average of five points. BP didn't go up when volunteers drank soy milk from glass bottles.

At the heart of the BPA controversy: A roiling scientific debate over whether our exposure levels are safe, or too high. We'll know more when a major, government-funded study ends in a few years. For now, these steps can help you sidestep BPA:

Eat fresh. Packaged food is the biggest source of BPA exposure for most people. Skip foods sold in plastic containers that have the number 3 or 7 printed in the triangular recycling symbol on the bottom of the package. Some of these may contain BPA, says the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, part of the National Institutes of Health.

It makes a difference. In one study, people who had canned soup every day for five days had urine levels of BPA 1,000-fold higher than those who ate soup made from fresh ingredients. In another, families that ate fresh foods (they didn't eat out, stopped microwaving in plastic and didn't munch canned foods or edibles from containers containing BPA) for three days reduced levels of BPA in their urine by 66 percent.

Go for more veggies, and less meat, too. According to the European Food Safety Authority (the European Union equivalent of the U.S. FDA), meat is also a source of BPA, perhaps through

contact with plastic in packaging or during processing.

Skip canned drinks. BPA is in the epoxy linings of drink cans, too. Another reason to think twice before you pop the top. The other reasons: Sugar-sweetened sips from cans are like liquid candy; you don't need the empty calories or the downsides for your blood sugar and heart health anyway.

Store and reheat like this: Use stainless-steel, glass or ceramic containers to store food, rather than plastic. (Look for BPA-free lids, too.) Microwave in glass containers rather than plastic.

Say "yes" to email receipts, "no, thanks" to paper. We love the fact that more and more stores send email receipts for in-person purchases. They're keeping one widespread source of BPA, thermal paper, out of your hands. Punch the "no" button when ATMs and gas pumps ask if you'd like a receipt, use electronic ticketing for concerts and travel, and ask clerks to toss cash-register receipts you don't need. If you handle receipts on the job, wear gloves, and before touching any food after handling receipts -- with or without gloves -- wash your hands with soap and water.

Hand sanitizer and receipts don't mix. In a new University of Missouri study, people who cleaned their hands with hand sanitizer then touched a cash register receipt were exposed to higher levels of BPA than those who didn't use the sanitizer. And those who munched greasy French fries also had higher BPA exposure if they used sanitizer first.

Researchers say some hand sanitizers contain penetration enhancers that increase the product's ability to get into the uppermost layer of the skin. It's these compounds that seem to increase absorption of BPA. Hand lotions and sunscreens may have penetration enhancers, too.

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The Power of Hugs

By Deb Hagen-Foley

"I need a hug." Have you ever said that or felt that? There are many reasons to have more hugs! Hugging reduces stress and encourages us to take a breath and experience the moment. Hugging helps to build bonds between people.

Hugging increases levels of oxytocin, also called the "love hormone," which makes us feel more connected with others. Oxytocin also reduces blood pressure. Hugs stimulate the brain to release dopamine, the pressure hormone. Hugging increases positive feelings, reduces pain, protects against inflammation and can overcome a bad mood.

Hugs are important to people of all ages. Research at Emory University found a link between touch and relieving stress in infants. They theorize that how people cope with stress as adults is related to if they were held when stressed as infants. Hugging becomes even more important as we age, according to researchers at Ohio State University. Loneliness as we age can increase



Hugs have healing power. Get - and give - more hugs! PHOTO FROM WIKIMEDIA COMMONS.

stress and have adverse effects on health. Hugs decrease feelings of loneliness.

Are you getting enough hugs? According to family therapist Virginia

Satir, we need 4 hugs a day for survival, 8 hugs a day for growth, and 12 hugs a day for growth. Hugs should last at least three seconds and, it appears, 20 seconds is optimal. It is not possible to overdose on hugs!

National Hug Day is January 21. National Hug Day began in the United States in 1986. It is now celebrated in the United States, Canada, England, Australia, Germany and Poland. The day is an opportunity to recognize the value and importance of hugging. With your greater understanding of the power of hugs, start practicing your hugging in preparation for January 21. Work toward getting a minimum of four hugs a day, at a minimum.

Keep in mind, however, that hugging is reciprocal. Respond in kind and accept as many hugs as you are comfortable and, for best results, only hug those who welcome your hugs. Giving hugs are just as important as receiving them. Don't have enough opportunities to get hugs? Even hugging an inanimate object, like a teddy bear, can help you to meet your hug quota!

Grief Support Program begins January 20th

At Hospice of Northwest Michigan we realize that the weeks and months following the death of a loved one are very difficult. We understand that many find comfort in being with others who have had similar experiences in an environment that is confidential, safe and supportive as we learn together how to cope with the pain and emotions of loss.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan's grief support program provides support and education to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one - a spouse, parent, child, sibling, relative, friend or companion. Meetings are led by David Behling an experi-

enced grief counselor and support group facilitator; this support program includes discussions of specific topics, and provides optional personal sharing opportunities in a safe and accepted atmosphere. Our next five week session begins January 20th and meets every Tuesday thru February 17. We will meet in the community room of First Baptist church located at 06781 M66 in Charlevoix from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

It is the goal of Hospice of Northwest Michigan's grief support groups to walk with individuals and families as they Journey through the pain of loss, providing emotional and personal support through the

many emotions and pain they experience. Topics of our five week sessions include:

"Acknowledging the reality of the death.

Embracing the pain of the loss. Remembering the person who died.

Developing a new self-identity. Searching for meaning. Receiving ongoing support from others."

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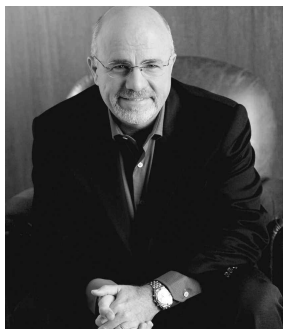
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DAVE Says



Dave Ramsey

Umbrella policy?

Dear Dave, I follow you on Twitter, and I was wondering if you recommend buying an umbrella policy. If so, how much?

Dean Dear Dean, If you've started to win with money and build some wealth, an umbrella policy is some of the cheapest insurance you can buy. It's just about the biggest bang for your buck.

Here's an example. In most states, you can get an extra \$1 million in liability coverage added to your car insurance and homeowners insurance as an umbrella policy for as little as \$200 a year.

There's no problem if you don't have any money. But if you've got some cash, and you bump into somebody, it's a really good thing to have that extra umbrella insurance policy in liability situations!

—Dave

Drop the arrogance!

Dear Dave, My son is in his thirties and has been married for seven years to a girl from a wealthy family. Her parents provided them with a lot of financial support over the years, but now they're getting divorced and he has come to us for the money to make this happen. On top of

all this, when we ask him why he doesn't have the money he tells us it's none of our business. We don't like his attitude, but we're not sure what to do.

Dee Dear Dee, This is a grown man we're talking about, and if he's going to take on the lifestyle and actions of a grown-up he needs to act like one and take care of his responsibilities. I understand he's your son, and he's hurting right now. Still, it takes a ton of arrogance to beg money from someone and tell them the reason they don't have it is not their business.

If he seriously wants to get into some financial counseling and start becoming accountable for his money — to himself and to you — then you might consider helping him out financially. But at this point, you're giving a drunk a drink if you just hand him money because he wants it.

Anyone can make a mistake, Dee. But it's not your job to fund his irresponsible behavior or his arrogance!

—Dave

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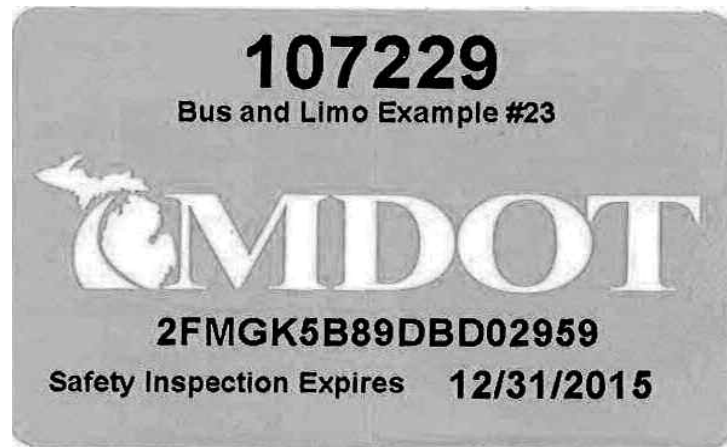
MDOT releases new design for bus and limousine safety inspection decals

This year, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is issuing newly designed annual safety inspection decals for commercial buses and limousines. The new decals offer a consistent design with important information printed on them, including the safety inspection expiration date, company name, vehicle identification number, vehicle fleet number, and the MDOT decal number. Like license plate registration tabs, the color of the decals will change every year.

Previously for limos, MDOT issued an annual "registered limousine" decal that would expire March 1. Now, a decal will be issued after the limo passes its annual safety inspection and will be valid for one year. This change will help limo carriers see which of their vehicles needs a safety inspection and avoid late fees. Limousine safety inspections are conducted at state-licensed repair facilities by licensed mechanics. Inspection reports are submitted to MDOT by the limo carriers and reviewed by MDOT staff. If approved, the carrier is mailed an official MDOT decal.

Bus carriers also will receive the same decal design as limos. MDOT commercial bus safety inspectors will print the decals on site after a vehicle has passed the MDOT safety inspection. Previously, inspectors had to punch out the inspection expiration date on a pre-produced decal.

"We believe these new decals will be great for customer service," said Rob Pearson, supervisor of MDOT's Bus and Limousine Regulatory Unit. "Now carriers, consumers, and law enforcement can easily look for one decal design from MDOT that indicates a vehicle has passed an MDOT-approved safety inspection."



Decals are located on the left-hand side of all for-hire buses and limousines that are authorized by MDOT. Depending on the vehicle, the decals will either be affixed to a window closest to the driver, rear-side window, or on the rear passenger door window.

Printing the decals on demand versus ordering an annual supply of pre-printed decals will save the state an estimated \$1,000 per year.

Limousines are defined as passenger vehicles with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less, including the driver. They can be traditional limos, town cars, taxicabs operating without a meter, non-emergency medical transportation, and transportation network companies, such as Uber or Lyft. MDOT licenses about 1,000 limousine companies each year, including more than 4,300 limos.

Buses are for-hire passenger vehicles with a seating capacity of 16 passengers or more, including the driver. They can include motor coaches, charter buses, stretched limos, party buses, shuttle buses, and school buses engaged in charter transportation. MDOT licenses about 214 bus companies yearly, including more than 2,700 buses.

By law, all for-hire bus and

limousine carriers are required to have an MDOT certificate of authority, have proper commercial liability insurance, pass vehicle safety inspections, and pay fees in order to operate on Michigan roads. Carriers who operate illegally could be cited by law enforcement and face fines starting at \$500.

Consumers are reminded to check if a bus or limousine carrier is licensed before stepping into a vehicle or signing a contract. Beyond looking for the safety inspection decals, visit the MDOT Bus and Limousine website at www.michigan.gov/busandlimo then select "Current List of Carriers" under Additional Information to see if the company is licensed by the state. If a company is not listed, it is likely that the operator is providing service illegally and should not be used. Consumers also can call MDOT's Bus and Limousine Regulatory Unit, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 517-241-0679 for companies starting with A-K, or 517-241-0680 for companies starting from L-Z.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

MONDAY, DEC. 22

- 0211 Assist Sheriff Dept on High Country Dr.
- 0945 Vehicle unlock in the 900 block of E Main St
- 1148 Transport subject to jail on Probation Violation
- 1307 Assist EMS in the 700 block of S Park.
- 1346 Private property hit and run accident in the 500 block of N Lake St
- 1458 2 vehicle Property damage accident at Park and State.
- 1511 2 vehicle Property damage accident in the 1200 block of Boyne Av. Citation issued for Texting While Driving.
- 1721 Property damage accident at East St and Vogel. Citation issued for No Proof of Insurance.
- 1732 Property damage accident on Boyne City Rd.
- 2001 Assist to Petoskey Dept of Public Safety in the 300 block of Front St.
- 2315 Citation issued for disregarding flashing red light

TUESDAY, DEC. 23RD

- 0022 Assist Sheriff Dept on accident at M-75 N and Old State Loop.
- 0226 Alarm in the 100 block of E Water St.
- 0800 Civil complaint in the 400 block of Harris St.
- 1136 Assist Fire Dept with smoke alarm in the 800 block of S Park St.
- 1515 Private property damage accident in the 400 block of N Lake St
- 1702 Civil custody issues in the 800 block of Thompson St
- 1812 Citation issued for speed at Pleasant and Ann.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24TH

- 1038 Assist Sheriff Dept with arrest in Boyne Falls
- 2251 Assisted Sheriff Dept with a domestic dispute in Boyne Falls

THURSDAY, DEC. 25

- 0357 Assist MSP on Boyne City Rd.
- 0812 Arrested subject on warrant in the 1400 block of Pleasant av.
- 1108 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St
- 1125 Private property damage accident in the 1300

- block of Boyne Av.
- 1248 Larceny reported in the 1400 block of Pleasant. Harassment complaint also received.
- 1450 Vehicle unlock on Boyne Av
- 1512 Assist to EMS at Av-alanche Mountain.
- 1611 Civil complaint in the 500 block of S. Lake St.
- 2238 Juvenile complaint from the 200 block of E Lincoln St.

FRIDAY, DEC. 26

- 0835 Disturbance reported in the 700 block of Wenonah St
- 1043 Assist EMS in the 700 block of West St.
- 1303 Fraud complaint from the 1300 block of Boyne Av.
- 1532 Driving complaint received on Boyne Av.
- 1631 Report of a possibly physical domestic dispute going on in the 300 block of E Division St
- 2105 Arrested subject for DWLS and no insurance. Was also cited for an expired plate.

SATURDAY, DEC. 27TH

- 0254 Arrested subject for DWLS. Also cited for No Proof of Insurance and driving without headlights. Vehicle impounded.
- 1124 Citation issued for Speed at S. Park and E. Cedar
- 1135 Citation issued for Expired Plate at North and Lake St
- 1526 Citation issued for No Child Restraint at park and Division St
- 1700 Suspicious situation in the 900 block of Lower Lake St.
- 2141 Civil complaint in the 400 block of Boyne Av
- 2219 Suspicious situation in the 500 block of N. Lake St.
- 2320 Juvenile complaint in the 200 block of W. Division St.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

- 0227 Assist Sheriff Dept on accident Boyne City Rd just West of Horton Bay.
- 0315 Assist Sheriff Dept at Boyne Mountain with assault in progress.
- 1010 Alarm at in the 100 block of E Water St
- 1627 Civil standby in the 400 block of Boyne Av.

MONDAY, DEC. 29TH

- 0800 Report of lost wallet
- 1130 Found a dog running at large on N. Lake St. near Silver St.
- 1611 Alarm in the 300

- block of N Lake St
- 1921 Vehicle unlocked in the 200 block of S Lake St
- 2133 Suspicious situation reported in the 200 block of E Water St

TUESDAY, DEC. 30

- 0434 Assist Sheriff Dept on Boyne City Rd.
- 0951 Gasoline Drive off the 200 block of S Lake St
- 0953 Vehicle unlock on East at State.
- 1220 Report of a new scam going around. Subject calling claiming to be from Consumer's Energy advising your power is about to be shut off. Want owner's to go to Walgreen's and get prepaid credit cards.
- 1250 Civil dispute in the 1000 block of S Lake St.
- 1557 Alarm in the 300 block of N Lake St
- 1915 Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of W. Ann St.
- 2047 Suspicious vehicle on Clark St

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31

- 1100 Property damage accident at E. Division and Kuhn Dr.
- 1148 Arrested subject for DWLS
- 1244 Report of missing person. Was located deceased.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

- 0001 Fireworks complaint that turned into a disturbance in the 800 block of Brockway.
- 0316 Removed garbage that had blown into the roadway at N. East and Bailey St.
- 0323 Removed garbage cans that had blown into the road Wenonah and Harris.
- 0334 Assist Sheriff Dept with domestic on M-75 N.
- 0805 Report of suspicious situation near the river mouth
- 0900 Assisted EMS in the 700 block of Wenonah.
- 0950 Assisted Sheriff Dept on a domestic which originated on Camp Daggett
- 1221 Property damage accident at East and River.
- 1525 Report of a broken window in the 300 block of S Lake St.
- 1934 2 vehicle property damage accident in the 200 block of S Lake St

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2,

- 2231 Arrested subject on warrant in the 100 block of W Lincoln

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

- 0028 Assist Sheriff Dept with a disturbance in Boyne Falls
- 0328 Assist EMS on Forest Park Ln.
- 0843 Civil complaint reported from the 1300 block of Boyne Av
- 0957 Larceny reported from the 1300 block of Boyne Ave.
- 1030 Suspicious vehicle at the Little League field.
- 1236 Suspicious activity in the 100 block of Silver St.
- 1410 Unlock in the 1300 block of Boyne Av.
- 2042 Noise complaint in the 300 block of E Division St
- 2107 Assist Sheriff Dept in Boyne Falls

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

- 1437 Alarm in the 300 block of Silver St.
- 1812 Domestic in the 1100 block of Boyne Av.
- 1850 Road hazard in the 1100 block of Boyne Av.

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.

December 22-28

- 911 Hang Up Call2
- Abandoned Vehicle.....0
- Abuse.....0
- Alarm.....4
- Animal Complaint.....12
- Annoyance.....1
- Assault.....2
- Assist Citizen.....1
- Assist Motorist.....4
- Assist Other Agency.....8
- Attempt to Locate.....0
- Attempted Suicide.....0
- Bank Alarm.....0
- Boating Accident.....0
- Boating Violation.....0
- Breaking & Entering.....3
- Car/Deer Accident.....7
- Citations Issued.....10
- Civil Complaint.....2
- Criminal Sexual Conduct.....1
- Death.....0
- Disorderly Person.....0
- Disturbance.....2
- DNR Complaint.....0
- Domestic Dispute.....2
- Driving Complaint.....5
- Fireworks Complaint.....0
- Found Property.....0
- Fraud.....0
- Health & Safety.....2
- Hit & Run.....0
- Intoxicated Person.....1
- Juvenile.....1
- Larceny.....5

- Lockout.....8
- Lost Property.....0
- Malicious Destruction of Property.....0
- Mental Subject.....2
- Minor In Possession.....2
- Miscellaneous Criminal.....0
- Missing Person.....0
- Noise Complaint.....1
- Operating Under the Influence.....0
- Paper Service.....7
- Parking Violation.....0
- Personal Injury Accident.....0
- Personal Protection Order.....0
- Private Property Accident.....2
- Property Check.....23
- Property Damage Accident.....7
- Prowler.....0
- Road Hazard.....5
- Stalking.....0
- Suspicious Situation.....9
- Threat.....0
- Traffic Stop.....12
- Trespassing.....0
- Unknown Accident.....0
- Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0
- Vehicle in the Ditch.....0
- Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....0

December 29-January 4

- 911 Hang Up Call0
- Abandoned Vehicle.....0
- Abuse.....0
- Alarm.....3
- Animal Complaint.....16
- Annoyance.....1
- Assault.....1
- Assist Citizen.....4
- Assist Motorist.....5
- Assist Other Agency.....17
- Attempt to Locate.....6
- Attempted Suicide.....2
- Bank Alarm.....0
- Boating Accident.....0
- Boating Violation.....0
- Breaking & Entering.....0
- Car/Deer Accident.....7
- Citations Issued.....10
- Civil Complaint.....3
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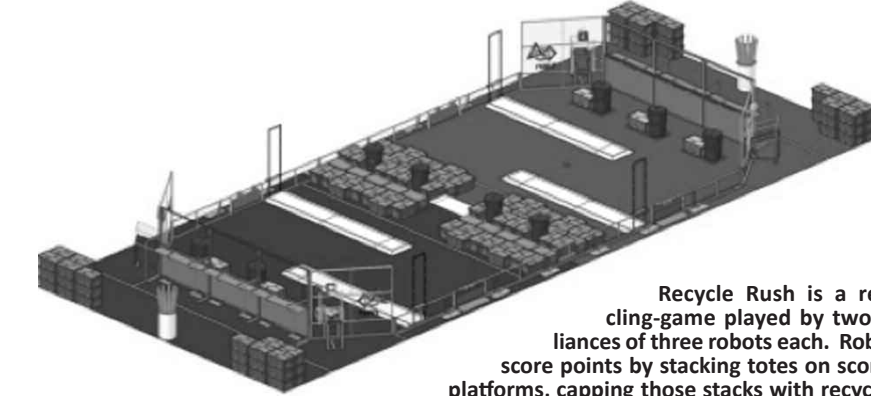
Boyne City High School Hosts 2015 Robotics Kick-off

On Saturday, January 3, FIRST Robotics founder Dean Kamen revealed the FIRST® Robotics Competition (FRC®) challenge for 2015 with the Kickoff of a new robotics game called RECYCLE RUSH. Sponsored by NASA, Comcast NBCUniversal, and Massachusetts-based PTC, the 2015 FIRST Robotics Competition Kickoff event was an opportunity for teams from all over the world to come together as a community to share in the excitement of seeing the new game unveiled. High school robotics teams from all over Northern Michigan gathered together to kick off the highly anticipated build season.

Twenty teams traveled to Boyne City High School to participate in the event. Teams included:

Team 1711 Raptors of Traverse City Central
 Team 3537 Delta Force of Indian River
 Team 3618 Petoskey Paladins of Petoskey
 Team 3688 Norseman of Sutton bay
 Team 3767 Titan Robotics of Traverse City West
 Team 3886 More Titans of Traverse City West
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 Team 5223 Gearheads of Hillman
 Team 5230 5 Below 50 of Alpena
 Team 5247 Red Devils of East Jordan
 Team 5314 Hi Tecs of Pellston
 Team 5505 Wildcat Robotics of Alpena
 Team 5560 Trojans of Central Lake
 Team 5562 Lakers of Glen Lake
 Team 5575 Loggers of Boyne Falls

The Mission of FRC is to inspire young people to be science technol-



Recycle Rush is a recycling-game played by two Alliances of three robots each. Robots score points by stacking totes on scoring platforms, capping those stacks with recycling containers, and properly disposing of pool noodles, representing litter. COURTESY PHOTO

ogy leaders, by engaging them in exciting, mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership. FRC wants to inspire young people to become future leaders in science and technology.

Teams had a chance to attend workshop sessions lead by students and mentors from Boyne City Blaze and the Petoskey Paladins. Workshops focused on: Concepts of a Robot Build, Controls, Team Organization, Robot Inspection, How FIRST Helps with College, Fundamentals of FRC Safety, Competition Scouting, and Fundraising.

Following the workshops, teams gathered together in the auditorium to watch a live broadcast, courtesy of NASA, where FRC revealed this year's robotic build challenge "Recycle Rush." Boyne City was one of only 107 locations in the world to host the event.

Recycle Rush is a recycling-game played by two Alliances of three robots each. Robots score points by stacking totes on scoring platforms, capping those stacks with recycling containers, and properly disposing of pool noodles, representing litter.

Following the Kick-off, teams re-

ceived a Kit of Parts made up of motors, batteries, a control system, a PC, and a mix of automation components. Working with adult Mentors, students have six weeks to design, build, program, and test their robots to meet this year's challenge. Once complete, teams will participate in one or more of the 105 Regional and District events that measure the effectiveness of each robot, Alliance collaboration, and student innovation.

Robotics teams need your support! All teams would welcome support from their community to make their experience a success. Support can be through a personal donation of time – Mentors are needed for all aspects of engineering design, build and programming; or financial support through personal or business sponsorship.

For more information about how you can become a mentor or a financial partner to support local robotics teams, contact Boyne City Blaze lead mentor Karen Jarema at 231-439-8100 or visit the Boyne City Blaze website at <http://local.boyne.k12.mi.us/robotics>.

To learn more about FIRST or find a competition near you visit the FRC website at <http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/frc>.

Like to Learn: Volunteer tutors needed for literacy program

Boyne District Library is looking for volunteers to help children in grades K-4 improve their reading skills. The "Like to Learn" winter program is free and will run February 9 – March 25. The library is coordinating this program and to make it easier on parents, the program will take place at the Boyne City Elementary School.

"Parents have expressed a need for help with improving reading skills for their children, and community volunteers are willing to help, so the library is providing the means to connect one with the other," said children's librarian Monica Kroondyk.

Volunteers are asked to make a minimum

weekly commitment of one hour. Sessions will be offered from 3:15-4:15, Monday and Wednesday. Volunteers can pick the days that work best for them. Volunteers will be expected to pass a background check. Tutors do not need to have an education background, just an open heart and a willingness to help.

There will be an informational meeting for potential tutors on Wednesday, January 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the Boyne City Elementary School Media Center.

If you're interested in tutoring, or if you have a child who would like to participate contact program coordinator Kathy Breedlove at 675-0073.

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races, kids games, horse-drawn sleigh rides, chili cook-off, wine tasting, star gazing, live music and more. January 24, Boyne City

Over \$168,000 in People Fund grants awarded to local groups in 2014

Great Lakes Energy, with the help of its members, continues its commitment to local communities through the People Fund. During 2014, the People Fund awarded \$168,457 in grants to charitable and community organizations. The Great Lakes Energy People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy members who allow their electric cooperative to round up their bill each month to the next dollar.

The grants funds were awarded to 63 charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits.

"Thanks to the generosity of our members we've awarded more than \$2.67 million in grants since 1999 to local non-profits groups and organizations," says President/CEO Steve Boeckman. "The local communities in our service area benefit greatly from this program that is fully funded by our members who allow their bill to be rounded up to the nearest dollar each month."

Members of the electric cooperative who wish to participate are encouraged to enroll in the People Fund online at gtlakes.com or by contacting Great Lakes Energy's office.

"People may not think 50 cents a month can do much, but when added with the contributions of other Great Lakes Energy members, we are able to help so many," explains Boeckman. "Giving back to the community is one of the cooperative principles and we couldn't do it without our members' generosity."

People Fund grants totaling \$168,457 were presented during 2014, with the following receiving grants in the Northern Lower Michigan area;

The Lions Club of East Jordan: up to \$4,000 matching grant based on City of East Jordan's grant contribution for disc golf course.

Crooked Tree Arts Council, Petoskey: \$2,400 for tables, umbrellas and seating for outdoor area.

East Jordan Care and Share Program: \$5,000 for refrigerator and freezer for food pantry.

Pregnancy Care Center, Petoskey: \$1,000 for ultrasound monitor and probes.

Good Samaritan Family Services, Ellsworth: \$3,000 for supplies and inventory for shoe store for children in need.

Hayes Township, Charlevoix: \$4,000 for sign to mark new public park entrance.

Crawford County Commission on Aging, Grayling: \$2,500 for commercial freezers for the home delivered meals program.

Otsego County Habitat for Humanity, Gaylord: \$1,000 for ladders and yard carts.

Charlevoix Ministerial Association, Charlevoix: \$2,500 for the benevolence fund to assist those in need.

Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers, Walloon Lake: \$3,500 for Student Harvest Days.

Crawford Ausable Day Care Center: \$2,000 for supplies and equipment.

C. S. Lewis Festival, Petoskey: \$1,000 for a student writer's workshop.

NW Michigan Habitat for Humanity, Harbor Springs: \$803.48 for tools.

Kalkaska County Community on Aging, Kalkaska: \$5,000 for transportation for seniors.

Antrim County Child Abuse and Neglect Council, Mancelona: \$4,000 for cribs.

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Petoskey: \$5,000 for repairs and improvements to parking lot at resale store.

Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix: \$1,300 for lighting.

East Jordan Cooperative Nursery Program: \$1,500 for music supplies.

Boyne Arts Collective, Boyne



A \$3,000 People Fund grant in 2014 helped Good Samaritan Family Services in Ellsworth stock shoes for local children in need of footwear. Some children receiving the shoes commented that they had never had new shoes before. COURTESY PHOTO

City: \$430 for a children's art program.

Gaylord Productions, Gaylord: \$1,975 for a stage curtain.

The Manna Food project, Harbor Springs: \$5,000 for the Food4Kids backpack program that provides food for children in need through area schools.

Boyne Area Community Christmas, Boyne City: \$3,000 for

holiday baskets for families in need.

Stehouwer Free Clinic, Cadillac: \$1,000 for a refrigerator to store medication.

Friendship Centers of Emmet County, Petoskey: \$1,200 for Guardian 911 Personal Emergency Response Systems to be loaned to area senior citizens. Jordan River Arts Council,

East Jordan: \$1,000 for art project materials for student groups visiting the Jordan River Arts Center.

Top of Michigan Trails Council, Petoskey: \$5,000 for planning and engineering services for Phase II of the Boyne Valley Trailway project.

Grayling Recreation Authority/Hanson Hills, Grayling: \$5,000 for replacement windows in Hanson Hills Lodge.

Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center, Roscommon: \$2,500 for forensic interviewers for children who are victims of abuse.

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Petoskey: \$500 for a digital recorder.

Bellaire Public Library: \$1,300 for a children's literacy station computer.

New Life Pregnancy Resource Center, Gaylord: \$1,700 for building improvements.

Raven Hill Discovery Center, East Jordan: \$5,000 for floor panels in the Evolving Technologies Building.

Love INC of Little Traverse Bay, Petoskey: \$4,500 for office equipment.

The 2014 People Fund Annual Report is included in the January issue of Michigan Country Lines magazine recently mailed to Great Lakes Energy members. Others may obtain the report by contacting Great Lakes Energy at 1-888-485-2537 or by visiting gtlakes.com and downloading the report.

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund invites applications for 2015 grants from local non-profit organizations. Deadline for applications for the 2015 grant cycles are Feb. 1, June 1 and Oct. 1. Request an application by calling 888-485-2537 ext. 1313, or request it online by visiting gtlakes.com.

News Briefs

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Boyer City High School

Student of the Week



Alyssa Wonski

Grade: 12

Parent(s): Cathy and Gary Wonski

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS: "Plan on attending Saint Mary's College or Loyola University next fall to study business/marketing/economics in college and go forward with a career in fashion."

School Activities: Drama: Boyne Meets Broadway and Spring play, Varsity Tennis, Student Council, National Honors Society, Pride Team

Hobbies and Interests: Fashion Design, Dance

Staff Comments:

"Alyssa is a member of our Pride Team, and has been since its formation 3 years ago. She is always willing to help and has some great ideas for how to maintain our positive school climate. Congratulations Alyssa! – Cindi Place

"Alyssa does a great job of paying attention to detail on her assignments and she excels at using instructor feedback to learn and improve her work." – John Hertel, College English

EAST JORDAN

Basic Drawing classes at Jordan River Arts Council

On January 10, 24, and February 7, 1 — 3 pm, JRAC will present Art 101, Basic Drawing over three sessions. Cynthia Tschudy will be the instructor. Cost is \$10 per session or \$25 for all three. Materials provided. These sessions will take place in the lower gallery, Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St., East Jordan.

EAST JORDAN

Poetry Reading at Jordan River Arts Council

On January 11, from 1—3 pm JRAC will host an afternoon of poetry featuring Terry Wooten. Also on the program will be Jim Walworth reading poetry of the late John Alberts. There will be an Open Mike for anyone in attendance to read or recite a poem or two. The event is free and refreshments will be served. This event will take place at the Jordan River Art Center 301 Main St., East Jordan.

ELLSWORTH

Ellsworth Pig Roast/Elebration

Ellsworth community input is needed! Please come to a meeting designed to gather ideas for this year's event which will be held on June 20th, 2015. Come and offer advice. Everyone one is welcome. January 12, Ellsworth Town Hall at 6 p.m.

CHARLEVOIX

Charlevoix Area Hospitals "Wellness Wednesday"

January 14, 11 am at Boyne Area Medical Center, 223 North Park St, Boyne City. Screenings include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Glucose level, Body Mass Index score, Fat Percentage and Blood Pressure read-

ing. \$15. Other screenings available.

ELLSWORTH

Ellsworth Shiverfest

Snowshoe events, cardboard sleds, desserts, hot dog roast and much more. February 14.

EAST JORDAN

Potluck & Winter Celebration

Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center. Saturday, January 17. Bring a dish to pass if you are able, just yourself if not. Coffee, tea, and table service provided. Dress warmly and bring your sled; immediately following will be a sledding party! Potluck begins at 5:30pm, program around 7pm. Suggest donation \$3 - \$5. Registration encouraged – call 231-536-0333, email info@wagbo.org

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN

Hospice of Northwest Michigan Grief Support Program

provides support and education to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one - a spouse, parent, child, sibling, relative, friend or companion. Meetings are led by David Behling an experienced grief counselor and support group facilitator; this support program includes discussions of specific topics, and provides optional personal sharing opportunities in a safe and accepted atmosphere. Our next five week session begins January 20th and meets every Tuesday thru February 17. We will meet in the community room of First Baptist church located at 06781 M66 in Charlevoix from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

CHARLEVOIX

Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours.

January 21, 5 – 7pm. Bridge Street Tap Room. No charge for Chamber

members, \$10 for non-members.

BOYNE CITY

Annual Meeting of the Boyne Area Chamber

It's the "can't miss" event of the year... the Boyne Area Chamber's Annual Meeting, presented by Korthase-Flinn Insurance and Financial Services. The gala event is held at Boyne Mountain in January each year. The 2014 event sold out with 300 people attending. The program is an upbeat gathering with great food and drink, business awards, live and silent auctions, live music and the introduction of our Chamber Board members. January 22, 5 – 8:30pm, Boyne Mountain Civic Center. \$40 per person.

CHARLEVOIX

American Red Cross Blood Drive

American Red Cross encourages eligible blood donors to start a lifesaving habit by becoming a regular blood donor this year. January 22, 9:30am – 3:15pm. Harbor Industries, 00 Harbor Drive, Charlevoix.

BOYNE CITY

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EAST JORDAN

Dog Gone Fund Dog Show

The East Jordan Lions Club is holding a DOG GONE FUN DOG SHOW Saturday, January 24, 2015 at the EJ Civic Center. Registration is at 1pm, and the event will run from 1-3pm. There will be games and prizes for all kinds of dogs: smallest, largest, scruffiest, best trick, wiggliest, etc. Entry fee is \$5.00 per dog with spectators by donation. Dogs must be leashed at all times. Proceeds from the event will be given to our local Charlevoix Area Humane Society.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Community Conversations

In partnership with The Center for Michigan, a non-profit and nonpartisan "think-and-do" tank located in Ann Arbor, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Charlevoix Public Library will co-host one of the Center's "Community Conversations." The session will be held at the Charlevoix Public Library on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

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bership dues, culminates the evening with spirited live auction. A silent auction is held during the Social Hour in the Castle's Gallery. January 31, 5:45 – 9pm

EAST JORDAN

Learning to play the ukulele at Jordan River Arts Council

January 31 from 1 — 2:30pm. Talented musician and songwriter, Robin Lee Berry will be the instructor. Instruments will be provided through the Bliss Fest Organization. This class is appropriate for young adults to adult learners as is limited in number of participants. For further information Contact Nancy Carey, 231 536 7812.

EAST JORDAN

NORTHWOODS FAMILY NATURE CLUB: Gimme Shelter!

Sunday, February 1st, 10am, at the Martha Wagbo Farm & Education Center in East Jordan. This month we are building a small igloo-style shelter from hundreds of home-made bricks of ice! Save your empty, rinsed ½ gallon cardboard milk/ juice cartons and bring them along; we will be working on our Winter Dwelling as part of an ongoing process. FREE and family friendly. Registration encouraged – call 231-536-0333, email info@wagbo.org or find us on facebook to register or for more information.

EAST JORDAN

Sno-Blast

This annual event includes Sno-Sculpture Contest, Crowning of the Belle of the Blizzard & Winter Knight, Blessing of the Sleds, the Annual Rotary Chili Supper, Frozen Pancake Toss, Parade, Antique Snowmobile Show and much more. February 6 and 7. East Jordan

CHARLEVOIX

Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Awards Breakfast

February 6, 7 – 9 am. Castle Farms. Doors will open at 6:45 am and Presentation/Awards will begin at 7:15 am. The following awards will be presented, Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, New Business of the Year, Young Professional of the Year, Outstanding Customer Service and Chamber Ambassador of the Year. \$30 per person. Call (231) 547-2101 to register.

EAST JORDAN

EJ Fight Against Cancer Varsity Basketball Game

The "EJ Fight Against Cancer Varsity Basketball Game" will be on Friday, February 6th at 5:30pm and 7:00pm vs. Boyne City High School. Proceeds from the event are given to members of our community with cancer in the form of gas cards to offset the cost of transportation to and from appointments. Fans are encouraged to wear the color purple. The Devil's Den (Store at EJHS) will be selling purple t-shirts to support the cause

EAST JORDAN

Reader's Theatre at Jordan River Arts Council

JRAC is pleased to announce an evening of Reader's Theatre, February 21 at 7:00 pm in the main gallery. "John Brown's Body," the epic poem by the American Writer Stephen Vincent

Benet received the Pulitzer Prize in 1929. The reading is directed by Yasmin Richmond. There is no charge for admissions but donations are greatly appreciated. For further information contact Richmond, 231 337 2070.

GAYLORD

Hockey registration

Gaylord Area Men's Hockey League (GAMHL) registration. Play is expected to begin the week of January 18th (Sunday). There will be no games scheduled on Sunday February 1st (super bowl). We plan to play a total of approximately 16 games per team. Depending upon the number of teams, each team will have two games per week: one game on Sunday night and a second game during the week. Games will consist of three 20-minute periods. Shortly after the teams are picked, the Team Representatives will contact players to provide a game schedule. For more information on the League Rules of Play, please contact: Stan Pelto, League President, at 231-340-0554 (cell) or srp2nd@hotmail.com. Registration cost is \$275 for the full season. Payment in full must be made by Saturday January 10th (DEADLINE). Bring your check to GAMHL Men's League DROP BOX located inside the Otsego County Sportsplex (1250 Gornick Ave.), on the wall, outside the Pro Shop entrance

BOYNE CITY

Progressive Women host climate speaker

Lisa Del Buono will give a presentation titled Citizens Taking Action on Climate Change to Create a Livable World for our Children. The meeting will take place Tuesday January 27 at the Boyne City Public Library in Boyne City. Members may arrive at noon and the speaker will begin at 12:30 p.m. Members are invited to brown bag their lunch. The program is open to anyone interested in progressive issues, male or female. Please R.S.V.P. by January 26 by emailing progwomenchxcty@yahoo.com or calling 231-582-9005.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Junior Achievement volunteers

Junior Achievement's local Board of Directors is looking for volunteers that would like to share their leadership skills to increase the growth of Junior Achievement programs in area schools. For more information on numerous opportunities, contact the area's District Director Mark Pankner at janso@ja.org or call 231-582-4660.

BOYNE CITY

Boyer Volunteer Network

Boyer volunteer network is a joint project of the Boyne District Library, Boyne City Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. It's easy to participate - just go to www.boynevolunteers.org and fill out the application form, which will tell us your skills, interests and contact information. We will contact you later about volunteer opportunities that may interest you. If you have questions or would like to learn more about how to include your organization and volunteer needs in this

new network, contact Monica Kroondyk at the Boyne District Library by phone at 231-582-7861 or by email at kroondyk@boynelibrary.org.

EAST JORDAN

Christian coffee house

Open Door Christian coffee house will be held every first and third Saturday at the East Jordan Community Center on Main St. Refreshments are available; free coffee and a small charge for pizza and soda. We have a lot of wonderful talent right here in northern Michigan. Great fellowship, everyone is welcome to come

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Playgroups

Playgroups for children 0-60 months and their preschool aged siblings are offered free through the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. Playgroups will help you find out more about your child's developmental stage; learn new games and activities to play with your child; and share ideas, parenting experiences and concerns with the playgroup facilitator and other parents. This fall/winter, Playgroups are held: 9:30-11am Tuesdays at Jordan Valley District Library Community Room, East Jordan; 9:30-11am Wednesdays at United Methodist Church, Alanson; 9:30-11am Thursdays at Christ Lutheran Church, Boyne City; 9:30-11am Fridays at United Methodist Church, Petoskey. Call (231)347-0067 or visit wr-cn.org for more information.

CHARLEVOIX

Messy church

This is a fun way of doing church for families. There are crafts, Bible stories learning about the God who loves you, songs, and free meal. Children must be accompanied by parent or adult. This is a non-denominational event which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 4 – 6 pm at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, 104 State St. Your call is appreciated for meal count at 547-2654.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Seniors ride free

Residents aged 60 and over will now be able to ride the Charlevoix County Transit free of charge within Charlevoix County. Seniors please contact the Charlevoix County Transit for your ride at 231-582-6900. This program is made possible through the cooperation of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and the Charlevoix County Transit.

CHARLEVOIX

Story time

Weekly Story Time is hosted every Thursday at 10:30am and all children and their parents or care givers are invited to attend. Story Time at the Charlevoix Library is geared towards children birth to five years old. Ms. Laura, story teller extraordinaire, reads stories, sings songs, interacts with finger plays, and sometimes even dances with the kids.

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Tree Barriers- Living Windbreaks

Every year, Conservation Districts host spring tree sales in which landowners are able to purchase trees to plant. Often times, landowners are purchasing trees to create barriers such as windbreaks. Living barriers are more visually appealing and often times a cheaper alternative to man-made fences. The key to implementing a proper windbreak lies with species and structure choices.

Structure is dependent on what a landowner would like to see and how they would like to benefit from the barrier. For instance, a simple windbreak can consist of a single row of hardy trees such as spruce trees. Landowners that want a single row may only want to prevent minimal wind or to create a shield/fence from sight of a road.

Image: Arid zone forestry: A guide for field technicians- Windbreaks and shelterbelts. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

http://www.fao.org/docrep/t0122e/t0122e0a.htm#2. windbreaks and shelterbelts

Other windbreaks can consist of shrubs, deciduous trees, and coniferous trees. Landowners that want multiple rows with multiple species may want to prevent wind, but also provide a snow catch, food for wildlife, shade for a house, aesthetics, etc. Image: Cross-section of a shelterbelt of various sized evergreens, large and small deciduous trees, and shrubs using the Forest Service-recommended standard of 10 rows that serve as a windbreak and wildlife shelter. Image source: My-Farmlife.com

Windbreak structure combinations vary depending on the landowner. The purpose of the barrier, as well as money, aesthetics, and species diversity dictate which structure is the right fit for a landowner.

The most effective windbreaks are generally those that have a variety of species and size diversity. Diversity of species leaves windbreaks less susceptible to insect and disease damage. Shelterbelts with a combination of shrubs, deciduous trees, and conifers are very efficient in reducing wind,

but also contributing to the health of the environment. Shrubs provide food for birds, small mammals, and other wildlife.

Some common shrub species include elderberry, serviceberry, Washington hawthorn, arrowwood, chokeberry, lilac, and more. Hardwoods (deciduous trees) provide summer shade and food for wildlife. Common hardwood species include oaks, maples, hybrid poplars. Softwoods (coniferous trees) provide year round, dense foliage. The combination of size and species diversity creates a healthy windbreak that is likely to survive much longer than a single row. Common softwood species include spruces, red and white pines, firs, and cedar.

If you would like to learn more about windbreaks or would like technical assistance to discuss windbreak structure and tree planting spacing, you can contact the Conservation District Forester, Brittany Mauricette. She can be reached by phone at 989-732-4021 or by email at brittany.mauricette@macd.org.

BC MEET

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the Parks & Recreation Board to reappoint Michael Sheehan, Jo Bowman, Jerry Swift and Heath Meeder to the board for a four-year terms expiring December, 2018. The Commissioners also voted to approve the recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Board to appoint Patrick Patoka to the Parks & Recreation Board to fill a term vacancy left by Bill Kuhn with a term expiring December, 2016, and recommendation of the Main Street Board to reappoint Pat O'Brien and Robin Berry for a four year terms expiring January 18, 2019.

City Manager Michael Cain reported that the City had recently closed on a property adjacent to the airport runway that will allow for future upgrade from basic to general utility status. Boyne City Police Chief Jeff Gaither announced the promotion of Officer Kevin Spate, who has served on the force for 15 years, to Assistant Police Chief effective December 31, 2014.

A Commissioner review was held for the revised draft of the Somerset Pointe Utility Extension Agreement. The agreement presents provisions for the possibility of sanitary sewer and/or water extensions to allow for development of additional residential condominium projects and/or dwellings on the Somerset Pointe property. No action was made at Tuesday's meeting and the proposal will be addressed at a future meeting.

A first reading was held in consideration for a Central Business District Drive Thru Ordinance Amendment, which originated with a proposal by Glen Catt to construct a drive thru lane for a bank to be located across the parcels of 202 and 210 Lake Street (current locations of the Lake Street Mall and Boyne Arts Collective park-

ing lot). Currently this is prohibited usage in the Central Business District (CBD).

At their September meeting the Planning Commission determined the most appropriate action would be to amend the zoning ordinance to allow the drive thru as a conditional use in the CBD. This would add the following language to section 10.30 of the Boyne City Zoning Ordinance:

M. Banks, savings and loans and credit unions with drive-thru lane meeting the following criteria – Drive-Thru terminal, ingress, egress and queuing areas must be completely enclosed within the first story of a multi-story structure. All floors above the first floor must be finished space that can be occupied for commercial or residential uses as permitted in the district. Commissioners unanimously voted to hold a second reading and public hearing at the February 24th meeting.

Boyne City Police Chief Jeff Gaither requested that Commissioners reject recent bids for the sale of the 2010 Ford Crown Vic Patrol Vehicle. The Boyne City Police Department's 2010 Crown Vic patrol car was removed from service in the fall. It was advertised for sale in several venues including Craigslist and the Michigan Association of Police Chiefs list. Three bids have been received, the highest being \$2,507 and the value of the vehicle is estimated to be more than double that highest bid amount. The Commissioners voted unanimously to reject the current vehicle bids and attempt to resell the vehicle in the spring.

The next regular City Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27 at 7 pm rather than noon to accommodate public attendance and input for the city facilities discussion. A Countywide Leader Summit is scheduled for Monday, January 26 at 5:30 pm at the Boyne Area Senior Center.



Porter Creek FISH HOUSE
Lake Charlevoix

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Auto-Owners Insurance

GENERAL MANAGER

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ment successful. This week Prael will be in the Chicago area where Fox has recently opened dealerships.

"I'm very excited, this has been a goal of mine for 25 years. I'm very humbled by it, and really, really, tickled that Fox has given me this opportunity," stated Prael.

Prael expressed his desire to continue serving

the community to the utmost of his, and the Fox Charlevoix Team's, abilities. He hopes to see even more community involvement and opportunities for employees to grow within the company.

"I want to continue the path that we have already been on...give the best to our clients and then to each other. We have been very involved in local communities, I want to turn that up a notch," said Prael.

Currently, Fox Charlevoix has open positions, which Prael encourages any interested to come and apply for.

"A lot of good things are happening in Charlevoix, we currently have open positions...if you are interested in being part of a dynamic team, come see us," invites Prael.

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Poetry Reading at Jordan River Arts Council

On January 11, from 1-3 pm JRAC will host an afternoon of poetry featuring Terry Wooten. Also on the program will be Jim Walworth reading poetry of the late John Alberts. There will be an Open Mike for anyone in attendance to read or recite a poem or two. The event is free and refreshments will be served. This event will take place at the Jordan River Art Center 301 Main St., East Jordan.

Ellsworth Pig Roast/Ellebration

Ellsworth community input is needed! Please come to a meeting designed to gather ideas for this year's event which will be held on June 20th, 2015. Come and offer advice. Everyone one is welcome. January 12. Ellsworth Town Hall at 6 p.m.

East Jordan Sno-Blast

This annual event includes Sno-Sculpture Contest, Crowning of the Belle of the Blizzard & Winter Knight, Blessing of the Sleds, the Annual Rotary Chili Supper, Frozen Pancake Toss, Parade, Antique Snowmobile Show and much more. February 6 and 7. East Jordan

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Goodwill Northern Michigan to Open Charlevoix Store January 16th

Goodwill Northern Michigan is expanding. Goodwill is opening its eighth donation and retail store in beautiful Charlevoix, Michigan. The store will be located just north of the Charlevoix Bridge at 402 Petoskey Avenue in the former IGA grocery store.

The store will be headed by Charlevoix native, Pati Brannon,

who says, "Charlevoix is my hometown, and Goodwill is going to enhance the Charlevoix community through good works. I am excited and proud to be a part of the organization that will help my hometown shine, and I look forward to being a part of the wonderful Charlevoix business community once more."

The grand opening is sched-

uled for January 16th at 9am, following months of renovation and remodeling work. Goodwill's mission services impact, fueled by the donation and sale of goods in their stores, has already been felt by Charlevoix/Emmet County residents. In 2014, Goodwill provided:

- Housing at the Goodwill Inn for more than 12 Char/Em residents

- More than \$10,000 in store credit vouchers for Char/Em families in need

- 6 vehicles to Char/Em low-income working families through Workers on Wheels
- Employs nearly 30 Char/Em neighbors at Goodwill stores
- 20,000 pounds of donated food went to Good Samaritan, a Char/Em food pantry, via Food Rescue

Store Details: Charlevoix Goodwill Store and Donation Center 402 Petoskey Avenue Charlevoix, MI 49720 Phone: (231) 437-6176

Store & Donation Hours: Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

HIDDEN TREASURES

Good Samaritan Furniture Store new location

New Ministry Open: Sammy's Shoes

By Tina Sundelius

ELLSWORTH—The Good Samaritan Furniture Store has outgrown the building it has been occupying for the past two years and moved next door to the building recently occupied by MI Farm Market.

The Good Samaritan Ministry serves between seven and eight hundred families through their food pantry each month. The number of needy that benefit from the resale shop and furniture store is unknown but the ministry has continued to grow and provides quality furniture and home décor. "It's all donated and it comes from all over," said Mary Peterson, Director of the Pantry/Resale Shops who began the Good Samaritan on her kitchen table in 1990.

When the Good Samaritan first opened the furniture was sold out of the resale shop then moved to the Center Street location. "We needed more room, it became overwhelming, so we moved next door, the windows are so nice and we have some ladies that come in just to dress the windows," said Peterson.

The volunteer driven ministry has 122 volunteers that perform a variety of tasks such as picking up food and donated items, sorting clothing, helping folks fill out forms, hauling furniture and stocking shelves.

The new store also houses appliances and flooring donations. All the proceeds from the furniture store come back to the food pantry.

The ministry whose official mission is serving the Lord while reaching out to those in need is also affiliated with Mom and Tots whose goal is to equip young mothers with the means necessary to raise healthy and happy children and His House, a mentoring program for young men. "We're here to support families," said Peterson. "Sometimes they just need somebody to listen, it's just not always a financial need or even food, it's being heard and seen and listened to," she said about the ministry that provides help with emergency needs like shut off notices, propane fill ups or "the guy who comes in with his face all swollen with a trip to the dentist," she said.



Mary Peterson, Director of the Pantry/Resale Shops stands among the 700 pairs of shoes in a closet at the Good Samaritan resale shop. Sammy's Shoes is a program designed to provide every child with a NEW pair of shoes.

Sammy's Shoes And now a new segment of the ministry has opened just in time to outfit kids for school, thanks to a \$3,000 grant from the Great Lakes People Fund and bargain shopping on Peterson's part. Sammy's Shoes takes up space in a small room in the back of the original resale shop and contains over 700 pairs of brand new tennis shoes. The shoes sell for \$5 for the smaller sizes and \$10 for the larger. "Some of these kids have never had new shoes," said Peterson. Anyone with a Bridge card or who qualifies for the free and reduced lunch

program qualifies for Sammy's Shoes. The main resale shop and pantry is located on the north end of Ellsworth on Main Street the furniture store is located on the corner of Main and Center Streets at the four corners downtown Ellsworth. "We're here to help families improve their quality of life and to help them get through the rough times, when families are really struggling and they don't know where to turn, that's why we're here," said Peterson.

Identity Released for Man Found Dead in Boyne City

Norma Jean Babcock

BOYNE CITY: Officials have now released the name of the young man found dead on December 31 in Boyne City.

Matthew Hanson, 30, a Newaygo County man was reported missing by his sister on December 31, the same day that the Boyne City Police Department found an identified person dead in a small pond. Upon confirmation from the family, officials released that the body was that of Hanson.

Hanson had last been seen on the sidewalk of Division St. in Boyne City on December 29 according to Boyne City Police Chief Jeff Gaither. The search for Hanson was triggered by the State Police, whom the Hanson's family had reported his absence to. Officers asked residents of a nearby apartment complex if they had any information regarding Hanson's whereabouts.

Though the questioning yielded little, an officer searching the area on December 31 found Hanson in a nearby retention pond. Police think that Hanson was visiting friends in the apartment complex prior to his death, and several witnesses stated that Hanson appeared to be intoxicated upon leaving a friend's apartment the evening of December 29.

Those suspicions have yet to be verified, as the officials are still awaiting toxicology and autopsy results in this case. Chief Gaither has stated that foul play is not suspected however. Hanson's body was sent to Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids for an autopsy.

Police are asking that if anyone has any further knowledge of the incident that they call the Boyne City Police Department at 231-582-6611.

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Charlevoix County Community Foundation Adds New Trustees

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of four (4) new trustees; Scott Diller, Dana Hodgson, Perry Irish Hodgson and Lori Meeder.

Scott Diller is the Vice President of Operations at East Jordan Plastics, Inc., a leading manufacturer of horticultural containers in North America. Scott has served the community foundation as a member of the East Jordan Advisory Committee for the past five years, and also is active in the community, coaching Pop Warner football, little league baseball and serving, most recently, as an assistant varsity football coach. Mr. Diller will serve on the foundation's Distribution Committee, which oversees the organization's grant-making activities. "It's a real honor to serve the community foundation as a trustee," Diller said, adding, "I'm looking forward to working with the other trustees to help the foundation continue its good work." Scott lives in East Jordan with his wife, Charlotte, and their three children.

Perry Irish Hodgson grew up in Harbor Springs, and for the last five years has lived in Charlevoix with her husband, Rich, and their two children. Perry worked for many years as a professional fundraiser for the University of Michigan, Stanford University and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. An active volunteer wherever she has lived, Perry currently serves on the board of Charlevoix Children's House and on the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library. Mrs. Hodgson is also a member of the community foundation's Charlevoix Advisory Committee. "The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is such an asset in the community, and I'm so pleased to have an opportunity to serve such an important and worthwhile organization," she said. Mrs. Hodgson will also serve on the foundation's Distribution Committee.

Dana Hodgson lives on Beaver Island with her husband, Eric, and their son, Liam. Dana comes to the foundation's Board of Trustees with a strong business background, joining her husband as proprietors of E.J. Hodgson Enterprises, which oversees four hospitality business locations. Dana is an active member of the Island community, and served for six years as Secretary of the Beaver Island Community School Board of Education. A native Beaver Islander, Mrs. Hodgson



(l-r) Perry Irish Hodgson, Scott Diller, Lori Meeder and Dana Hodgson are the newest members of the Board of Trustees of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

is excited to serve the community foundation as a trustee. "I was humbled by the invitation to join the Board," she said, adding, "I feel like the foundation is the perfect place to work with others to make a positive impact on the Island, and throughout Charlevoix County." Mrs. Hodgson will join the other new trustees as a member of the Distribution Committee.

Lori Meeder is a senior lender with Northern Initiatives. Lori provides access to capital, coaching and technical assistance for start-up and growing businesses in a sixteen county service area in northern Michigan. An active community citizen, Lori serves on the Boyne City Planning Commission, the Organization Committee for the Main Street Program, and also as a member of Leadership Charlevoix County's Board of Directors. Lori and her husband, Heath, live in Boyne City. They have two grown children. "It's such a privilege to join the Board of Trustees of the community foundation," she said, noting, "I'm honored, and I'm so proud to serve an organization that makes such a positive impact in the community." Mrs. Meeder will serve as a member of the foundation's Distribution Committee.

John Kempton, Chair of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, is looking forward to working with the new trustees. "Dana, Lori, Perry and Scott are a great fit for the community foundation. They're committed community citi-

zens and leaders, and they bring a wide range of skills and experiences to the group," Kempton said, adding, "we're fortunate to be in a position to attract such capable people, and know that their engagement will benefit the foundation as well as the greater Charlevoix County community."

Including the new appointments, the Foundation's Board of Trustees includes fifteen members, representing all regions of Charlevoix County. Other trustees include; Don Spencer of Beaver Island; Bill Aten of Boyne Falls; Hugh Conklin, Michelle Cortright and Jim Howell of Boyne City; Ann Hollis, Dave Leusink and Paul Witting of Charlevoix; John Kempton, Barbara Malpass and Jack Poindexter of East Jordan.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a grassroots charitable organization made up of various funds - all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes, and others are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment, so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix County, now and for generations to come. For more information about the grant-making process, establishing a fund, or making a gift, please contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440, or online at www.c3f.org.

DNR cautions anglers about ice dams, hazards

The Department of Natural Resources urges anglers to use caution when planning trips on Michigan's rivers and streams this winter. Winter fishing for trout and steelhead can be challenging and rewarding, but cold air temperatures can cause sudden and significant changes in flows in rivers and streams.

According to DNR fisheries biologist Kyle Kruger, temperature effects are most pronounced at times of very cold air temperatures, particularly below 10 degrees Fahrenheit, especially if areas with extreme nighttime cold temperatures alternate with warmer days.

"When nights are very cold and clear, rivers can see extensive freezing and often ice dams form," Kruger said. "These dams cause water to back up the streams, reducing flow downstream, and can be quickly released if temperatures rise above freezing during the daytime hours. This can cause unpredictable and often sudden flow changes."

Kruger said this phenomenon is noticeable on the middle to lower Au Sable River in Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula. "The middle Au Sable River is particularly susceptible to the influences of cold weather, more so than some of the state's other winter steelhead streams," he added.

Extensive ice damming and anchor ice formation can occur below Mio Dam (Oscoda County), particularly in the area around McKinley, during periods when air temperatures are below 10 degrees Fahrenheit. Typically, these ice-damming events cause unusually low flows to be seen below Foote Dam (Iosco County).

"We want anglers to remember that the colder the weather, the more unpredictable flows will be in some of Michigan's rivers," Kruger said. "Please use appropriate caution if you're planning fishing trips during these periods."

DNR fisheries staff strongly recommends that when planning for a winter fishing trip to one of the state's streams, anglers should check on river conditions and weather forecasts locally. Air temperatures below 10 to 15 degrees Fahrenheit are likely to create conditions for more difficult fishing, particularly from a boat.

Flow and water temperature data for many of Michigan's larger steelhead streams have real-time gauges which can be checked online through the U.S. Geological Survey. There also are many weather-related websites that can provide forecasts for anticipated air temperatures that can help you better plan for expected conditions.

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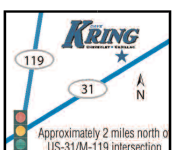
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